



**COMMISSION ON CHILD CARE**  
**Meeting Summary Full Commission**  
**June 15, 2016**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Dr. Barbara Andrews, Rosalba Bonilla-Acosta, Hashan Chowdhury, Blaise DeFazio, Diana Holzberger, Brigid Howe, Linda Janulis, Edward Krauze, Bernadine Occhiuzzo, Laura Seminario-Thornton, Claudia Simmons, Greg Smith, Barbara Warman, Mayme Claire Williams

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Lindsey Allard Agnamba, Pamela Dunn, Carl Eggleston, Yvonne Iscandari, April Kaplan, Claudia Simmons, Barbara Warman

**STAFF PRESENT:** Erin Stillwell, DHHS and Sarah Wilch-Spamer, Early Childhood Services, DHHS

**GUESTS PRESENT:** Senator Nancy King, Jo Ann Barnes, Monica Ortiz Neustrup, Michelle Belski, Linda Owen, Ashlie Bagwell, Joanne Hurt, Michael Subin and Greg Stevens

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**Ed Krauze called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm**

**GUEST: Senator Nancy King, Maryland General Assembly**

- Discussion about SB 312 "Children-Family Child Care Homes and Child Care Centers-Advertising and Penalties"
  - Bill has passed and will go into effect October 1, 2016
  - Bill was created to help educate parents know what to look for when locating a registered child care center/home
- Governor's Office for Children focusing this year on disconnected youth; less focus on early childhood care and education
- Sen. King and Del. Kelly are chairing the Joint Committee on Children Youth and Families; welcomed CCC members to attend future committee meetings.
  - Future date: July 20, 2016, Subject: Child Care Licensing and Regulations

**GUEST: Monica Ortiz Neustrup, Policy Officer, Early Care and Education, DHHS**

- Explained role of the policy officer to the CCC
- Gathering information and data from various committee and departments about early child care and education in Montgomery County
- Examining school readiness as it relates to early childhood care and education

- Focus on improving and integrating the various systems involved in the delivery of services; focus on providing options for quality child care for all families

### **CHAIR'S REPORT (Ed Krauze)**

Recap of issues discussed at May 2016 CCC Planning Retreat

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

There were not any Committee Reports as BB Otero was the guest speaker at the June 1, 2016 CCC Committee Meeting.

### **UPDATES:**

#### **Early Childhood Coordination Council (Sarah Wilch-Spamer)**

- Monica Ortiz presented to the ECCC and JoAnn Barnes provided an update on the HHS budget
- Priority of ECCC is to collaborate with MCPS staff around kindergarten readiness, with an emphasis on the importance of social and emotional development

#### **State Early Care and Education Updates (Dr. Barbara Andrews)**

- Maryland Family Network (MFN) is the process of voting on their priorities for the upcoming year

#### **County and State Budget Updates (Dr. Barbara Andrews)**

- **FY17 Budget Highlights**
  - Funding for final portion of child care bill
  - Funding for part-time nurse; nurse will assist with basic health and safety issues in the Kennedy Cluster

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- BB Otero is forming focus groups to meet with different members of the population to discuss child care and early education; this information will assist with the strategic plan
- Strategic plan is expected to be released in late October/early November 2016
- Liz Kelly is the new assistant state superintendent
- July 20, 2016 CCC meeting will be a joint meeting to include committee meetings from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. and full commission meeting from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.

**The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.**